Region/State	Total Capacity (MW)
Sikkim	3.5
Central Sector	760.00
North Eastern Region :	
Assam	285.00
Manipur	6.90
Meghalaya	..
Nagaland	1.00
Tripura	21.00
Arunachal Pradesh	9.60
Mizoram	5.90
Central Sector	..
NEC	100.00
TOTAL ALL INDIA	22245.25 MW

Burglary in Constitution House Post Office

1139. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post office located near the Constitution House, New Delhi was looted on 30th December, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the police have since investigated the case and if so, what are the findings and follow-up thereof}

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) There was a case of burglary in the Constitution House Post Office in the night of 29/30-12-87.

(b) and (c) The burglars entered the post office by breaking open the rear door and after breaking open the locks of the embedded iron chest and other boxes they took away case amounting to Rs. 370. 72. The case was reported to police and was registered under FIR No. 459 on 20-12-87 under section 457/380 IPC at Parliament Street Police Station. The police are still investigating the matter.

Post Offices in Rajasthan Villages

1140. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Gram Panchayat Villages in Rasjasthn do not have a single Post Office;

(b) whether any priority would be given for the opening of Post Offices in such Gram Panchayat Villages in the 7th Plan period; and

(c) by when all such Gram Panchayat villages would be provided with at least one post office in each one of them?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir. Out of 7241 gram panchayats in the State only 317 gram panchayats have no post office at present.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, firm indication can be given at this stage as this would depend upon the resources available for the programme from year to year.

Modernisation of Telecommunications Net Work

1141. SHRI KALPNATH RAI; Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges functioning in the country as on 31st January, 1988;

(b) how many of them are being operated electronically; and

(c) what are the plans for the modernisation of the existing tele-communications net work and setting up of more electronic telephone exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) 12450 telephone exchanges are working in the country as on 31-1-1988.

(b) 154 telephone exchanges are being operated electronically.

(c) The schemes of modernisation incllude substantial digitalisation of local switching network, long distance switching and transmission network. Installation of telex exchanges, ducts for underground cables, induction of PCM on cables, microwave and fibre-optic media in local junction network, computerisation of trunk exchanges, installation of 128 Port C-Dot electronic exchange in rural areas, expansion of satellite services and greater use of store and forward system in telegraph services. Further proposals involve induction of electronic equip-ment only for local telephone exchanges, except Cross-Bar ICP version of the equipment which will continue to be inducted in the network upto the year 1995.

Production of Coal

1142. SHRI KALPNATH RAI; Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target of coal production during the current financial year;

(b) whether that target is expected to be achieved or there will be any shortfall;

(c) whether it is a fact that coal shortage has been hitting production in thermal power units; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) The overall target for coal production during the current financial year (1987-88) was fixed at 183. 50 m. t. as per the following break-up

Coal India Ltd.... 158 00m.

SingareniCollieiiesCo. Ltd.. 29 00 m.

Captive Collieries (TISCO'IISCO/ DVC).....5. 50 m. t.

183. 50m. t '

(b) During first 10 months of the current financial year (April 1987— Jan. 1988) total production of coal has been 142. 87 m. t. While Coal India Ltd. is expected to fulfil its target of production of 158 m. t., there will be a shortfall in production in SCCL and also in the captive collieries of TISCO/ IISCO & DVC.

(c) and (d) During the period April 87— Jan. 88, thermal power stations received 14 per cent more coal than during the same period in 1986-